

Senate Study Bill 3034

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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS BILL)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning the issuance of certified copies of vital
2 statistics records for use by veterans.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 144.45B CERTIFIED COPIES ==
1 2 VETERANS.
1 3 The state registrar and the county registrar shall, upon
1 4 written request, issue a certified copy of a birth, adoption,
1 5 death, marriage, or dissolution or annulment of marriage
1 6 certificate or record to a qualified applicant without charge
1 7 if the qualified applicant certifies that the certified copy
1 8 is for use in the presentation of claims to the United States
1 9 veterans administration or in connection with any veterans
1 10 organization or the department of veterans affairs. For
1 11 purposes of this section, a "qualified applicant" means a
1 12 veteran, as defined in section 35.1, the surviving spouse or
1 13 next of kin of a veteran, a service officer of a veterans
1 14 organization chartered by the Congress of the United States, a
1 15 county commission of veterans affairs, or the department of
1 16 veterans affairs.
1 17 Sec. 2. Section 144.46, Code Supplement 2007, is amended
1 18 by adding the following new subsection:
1 19 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. Notwithstanding any provision of this
1 20 section to the contrary, fees shall not be charged for
1 21 issuance of a certified copy of a certificate or record
1 22 pursuant to section 144.45B or 331.608.
1 23 Sec. 3. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.2, subsection
1 24 3, shall not apply to this Act.
1 25 EXPLANATION
1 26 This bill provides that the state registrar and county
1 27 registrar shall issue a certified copy of a birth, adoption,
1 28 death, marriage, or dissolution or annulment of marriage
1 29 certificate or record without charge if the copy is for use in
1 30 the presentation of claims to the United States veterans
1 31 administration or in connection with any veterans organization
1 32 or the department of veterans affairs. The bill provides that
1 33 a veteran, surviving spouse or next of kin of a veteran, a
1 34 service officer of a veterans organization, a county
1 35 commission of veterans affairs, or the department of veterans
2 1 affairs is authorized to request the copy.
2 2 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
2 3 section 25B.3. The bill makes inapplicable Code section
2 4 25B.2, subsection 3, which would relieve a political
2 5 subdivision from complying with a state mandate if funding for
2 6 the cost of the state mandate is not provided or specified.
2 7 Therefore, political subdivisions are required to comply with
2 8 any state mandate included in the bill.
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